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Claim 1 recites, "a print data generating device for generating print data to be printed on the receipt paper by merging original receipt information according to the payment transaction and the additional information designated by the one or more selected items in the list and sending the merged information to the printing device." (emphasis added)

O'brien does not teach the above feature. O'brien teaches printing the receipt information and discount coupon on the same printer. But they are printed on separately. Ob'rien 7:32-48.

In particular, Ob'rien recites, "In some point-of-sale systems, printing of cumulative discount certificates may be accomplished without a completely separate printer for that purpose. There may be a separate print station for printing the certificates, but the print head may be shared by other printing functions, such as customer receipt printing. In this case, it may be necessary to avoid having the printing of so many discount certificates (and possibly other types of discount coupons) that other printing functions are precluded. Therefore, the printing of a discount certificate, or of a substantial part of the certificate, can be followed by a request for a time-out, to allow other printing functions to gain access to the printer. Until the time-out is complete, as determined in block 43, processing remains in the general wait state loop. When the time-out is complete, a time-out return is made, as indicated in block 50, to continue processing at the point from which the time-out was requested." (Id., emphasis added).